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City of Portland, Maine  
Municipal Officers  
—BUILDING CODE APPEAL—

Decision

Public hearing was held on the 17th day of September, 1948,  
on petition of Ideal Cleaners, owner of property at  
219 Anderson Street, seeking to be permitted an exception to the provisions of the  
Building Code relating to this property.

Building permit to cover construction of wooden roof over a 40-foot long  
section of loading platform at the rear of the building is not issuable  
under the Building Code because the property is located within Fire Dis-  
trict No. 1B where Section 404 of the Building Code does not allow such  
a roof of wooden construction.

The Municipal Officers find that an exception is necessary to avoid  
practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship and can be granted without  
substantially departing from the intent and purpose of the Building Code.  
It is, therefore, determined that exception to the Building Code may be permitted in  
this specific case.

*Robert H. Clifton*  
Helen C. Cross  
John W. Lake  
Edwin J. Colley

*John J. Holbrook*  
*J. Francis Jansen*

Municipal Officers

*Granted 9/20/48*  
*AB/7/48*

City of Portland, Maine  
Municipal Officers  
—BUILDING CODE APPEAL—

September 14, 1948

To the Municipal Officers:

Your appellant, **Ideal Cleaners**, who is the owner of property at **219 Anderson Street**, respectfully petitions the Municipal Officers of the City of Portland to permit an exception to the provisions of the Building Code relating to this property, as provided in Section 115, Paragraph a of the Building Code, on the ground that the enforcement of the Code in this case involves practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship and desirable relief may be granted without substantially departing from the intent and purpose of the Building Code.

Building permit to cover construction of wooden roof over a 40-foot long section of loading platform at the rear of the building is not issuable under the Building Code because the property is located within Fire District No. 1B where Section 404 of the Building Code does not allow such a roof of wooden construction.

The facts and conditions which make this exception legally permissible are as follows:—

An exception is necessary in this case to avoid practical difficulty and unnecessary hardship and desirable relief may be granted without substantially departing from the intent and purpose of the Building Code.

Ideal Cleaners, Inc.

By *Erwin Blumenthal*  
Appellant **Erwin Blumenthal**



(1) INDUSTRIAL ZONE

### APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

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Class of Building or Type of Structure: Installation  
Portland, Maine, December 1, 1949

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect, alter, repair, demolish~~ install the following building ~~structure~~ equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 219 Anderson Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name and address Ideal Cleaners & Launderers Inc., 219 Anderson St Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lessee's name and address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contractor's name and address Eastern Sprinkler Corp., 405 Fore St. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Specifications \_\_\_\_\_ Plans yes No. of sheets 1  
 Proposed use of building Cleaners & Launderers No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last use " " " " No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material masonry No. stories 3 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
 Estimated cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \$ 1.00

#### General Description of New Work

To install automatic (dry) sprinkler system as per plan.

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. **PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO** Eastern Sprinkler Corp.

#### Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_ Is any electrical work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Height average grade to top of plate \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to highest point of roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size, front \_\_\_\_\_ depth \_\_\_\_\_ No. stories \_\_\_\_\_ solid or filled land? \_\_\_\_\_ earth or rock? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material of foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_ bottom \_\_\_\_\_ cellar \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kind of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Rise per foot \_\_\_\_\_ Roof covering \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ of lining \_\_\_\_\_ Kind of heat \_\_\_\_\_ fuel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Framing lumber—Kind \_\_\_\_\_ Dressed or full size? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sills \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.  
 Joists and rafters: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 On centers: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maximum span: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? \_\_\_\_\_ height? \_\_\_\_\_

#### If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot \_\_\_\_\_, to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_ number commercial cars to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no  
 Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Ideal Cleaners & Launderers, Inc.  
Eastern Sprinkler Corp.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of owner by: Alex Meegan

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AP 230 Washington Avenue-I

July 7, 1950

Ideal Cleaners and Launderers  
219 Anderson Street  
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

We shall be unable to issue the permit for construction of a detached sign about 4' x 8' on your property at 230-230 Washington Avenue until more information is received concerning the framing and supports of the sign to indicate compliance with Building Code requirements. Investigation of the application and the plan filed therewith raises the following questions:

1. Is there to be only a single panel about 4' x 8' or is there also to be a long narrow panel close to the ground beneath it? If so, what is the size of this lower panel to be?

2. Apparently the 2x4's of the frame are to be placed with the 4' dimension vertically so that the wind pressure will have to be resisted by the 2" thickness of the members. They are not adequate to do this on the 8' span or the length of the sign involved.

3. There is no indication as to how the sign itself is to be fastened to the supports, at least on the bottom nor as to the material and size of the fastening of horizontal 4x6 brace to the upright members.

4. In order to avoid excessive buckling of the metal facing of the sign under heavy wind loads we suggest that more upright supports be provided for the facing.

Information by way of a revised plan showing construction in compliance with Building Code requirements is needed before the permit for construction of the sign may be issued.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald  
Inspector of Buildings

P. S. It is also necessary to show thickness of foundation piers at least 8" x 8" at surface of ground and at least 10" x 10" at bottom of pier. The posts supporting the sign are required to be of metal, but the frame of the sign may be of wood. It is suggested that you get someone to make the sketch who knows the way such structures are usually framed and supported, and how to make a plan which we can understand and your workmen can follow.

AJS/c

(C) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Detached sign

Portland, Maine, June 27, 1950

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter or repair in the following building structure or work in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 219 Anderson Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 13
Owner's name and address Ideal Cleansers & Launderers, 219 Anderson St. Telephone 3-1741
Lessee's name and address Telephone
Contractor's name and address owners Telephone
Architect Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets 1
Proposed use of building detached sign No. families
Last use No. families
Material No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing
Other buildings on same lot cleaning plant
Estimated cost \$ Fee \$ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To erect detached sign (facing Washington Avenue) as per sketch.

Handwritten signature: Dennis

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATHING OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO owners

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?
Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof
Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?
Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar
Material of underpinning Height Thickness
Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering
No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel
Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?
Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size
Girders Size Columns under girders Size Max. on centers
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.
Joists and rafters: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof
On centers: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof
Maximum span: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height?

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?

APPROVED:

Blank lines for approval signature

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no
Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Ideal Cleansers & Launderers

Signature of owner by: Edwin Blumhardt

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FILL IN AND SIGN WITH INK

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

020.55  
DEC 26 1956

Portland, Maine, Dec. 26, 1956

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 219 Anderson St. Use of Building school warehouse No. Stories 2 New Building Existing  
Name and address of owner of appliance Ideal Cleaners & Laundry Co., 219 Anderson St.  
Installer's name and address Portland Gas Light Co., 5 Temple St. Telephone 2-8321

General Description of Work

To install gas-fired LUS-100 Reznor unit heater and gas-fired US-250 Reznor unit heater originally heated from central heating plant

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance first floor Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? second floor  
If so, how protected? Kind of fuel? gas  
Minimum distance to burnable material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace over 15"  
From top of smoke pipe over 15" From front of appliance over 4" From sides or back of appliance over 3"  
Size of chimney flue through roof Other connections to same flue and through outside wall with type B metalbestos vent  
If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour  
Will sufficient fresh air be supplied to the appliance to insure proper and safe combustion? yes

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Labelled by underwriters' laboratories?  
Will operator be always in attendance? Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank?  
Type of floor beneath burner Size of vent pipe  
Location of oil storage Number and capacity of tanks  
Low water shut off Make No.  
Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? How many tanks enclosed?  
Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath?  
If so, how protected? Height of Legs, if any  
Skirting at bottom of appliance? Distance to combustible material from top of appliance?  
From front of appliance From sides and back From top of smokepipe  
Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue  
Is hood to be provided? If so, how vented? Forced or gravity?  
If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

Appliances to be equipped with device which will automatically shut off all gas supply in case pilot flame is extinguished. LUS-100 weighs about 150 lbs. US-250 about 300 lbs. and heavy from top section. about 12 inches between ceiling and roof. US-100 heater being from second floor. Clearances given above apply to both heaters one inch plus, in clearance from combustible materials, ASTM

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.50 (\$2.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

APPROVED: [Signature] 12-26-56 [Signature]

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes  
Portland Gas Light Co.

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Signature of Installer by: [Signature]

December 27, 1956

AP 219 Anderson St.--Installation of two gas-fired unit heaters

Portland Gas Light Co.,  
5 Temple St.  
Mr. Fred West  
Supt. of School Buildings  
Ideal Cleaners & Launderers, Inc.  
219 Anderson St.

Gentlemen:

Building permit for the above installations is issued to the Gas Company, herewith, subject to the following in the absence of complete information on the application for the permit to establish compliance with Building Code regulations. If these are not understood, or, if you are unable or unwilling to abide by them, please contact this office with more information before starting the installation.

The application indicates that the type B vent for both appliances is to be of the kind called "Metalbestos", and that in every case at least the necessary one inch clearance between the outer pipe of the vent will be one inch or more from the burnable material.

While the vent of the unit heater in the first story is to extend through the exterior wall of the building, it is understood that the vent of the second story heater will be through the roof. We are told that the ceiling of second story is suspended perhaps a foot or more below the bottoms of the roof joists, thus creating a concealed space which ordinarily Section 602a6 of the Building Code would not allow the type B vent to pass through. However, since this concealed space is so shallow, no objection will be raised to running the type B vent through it, if the installer will provide an unbroken thimble of galvanized steel or better running from the under side of the ceiling to some point above the roof covering of the building, where it may be closed off against the vent pipe by flashing, this arrangement being such that the double wall vent pipe will be centered on the thimble in such a way that there will be at least one inch clearance all around between the outer pipe of the vent and the thimble.

It is not known how far either heater will be from the outside wall of the building through which the vent is to pass in the first story, or what the arrangement of the second story heater will be with relation to the vertical vent pipe. At all points outside of the actual room or space in which the unit heater is located, the type B vent is required. Within the space where the heater is located, ordinary pipe may be used for a connector.

Since these are to be suspended upon existing floor and roof construction, care should be taken to see that that construction is not overloaded by the added weight of the appliances.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings

WHCD/B



-3-  
Hammond St.

57-63

51	Ernest Miller	51 Hammond St.
53	Walter D. Ruth Graffam	53 Hammond St.
55-59	Paola & Santa Di Schillo	59 Hammond St.
61-63	Sup.	

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52. Sup.  
54-56 ..

Marginal Key

174-270 Washington Ave

190	Washington Ave	Edw. Layte, 190 Washington Ave
192	Anna V. Hoyt	192 Washington Ave.
194-196	Ed. W. Collins	Yarmouth Maine
198-200	Sarah P. Hill	198 Washington Ave.
202-204	Archibald Roberts	202 Washington Ave
208-218	Dups.	
220-231	"	
232-234	"	
236-238	"	
240-242	"	
244-246	"	
248-250	"	
252-254	"	
256-264	Adeline Grace	20 Pleasant St.
266-298	City of Portland	

North Street

166-230 City of Portland  
Sheridan St.

10-C-1-3 Jewish Home for Aged - 158 North St.  
10-D-4 Dups.  
Gould St.

1-23

1-	Dups.	5 Gould St
3-7	Maria C. Breggia	9 Gould St
9-11	Harold L. White	
13-15	Dups	
17	"	
19-23	"	

2-24

2-8	Dups	61 Hammond St.
10-14	Lucy Beech	
18-24	Dups	

Opposed 223 Anderson St

10/29/57

169-255 Anderson St.

169-179	Irving H. Crockett -	56 Hammond St.
187-193	Ayer & Dyer, Inc.	<del>189</del> 189 Anderson St.
197-199	Arthur W. Roberts	dup.
201-205	Julia J & Marion L. Maloney	17 W. Kitter St.
207-209	Florence L. Taylor (N.R.)	4 East St. Jersey City N.J.
211-227	Idell Cleavers & L.	219 Anderson Place
229-231	John J. Lee (N.R.)	Pin P & Dennis Newton St. Mass
233-235	Ronald & Annie Aceto	240 Washington Ave.
237-239	dup.	
231-245	Frances Aceto	77 Anderson St.
247-249	Thos. Aceto	dup.
251-255	Simon J. Devina	177 Francis St.

170-272 Anderson St.

160-182	Old Colony Trust Co. (Trustee)	c/o Gen. Elec. Sup. Co. 170 Anderson St.
184-212	Pine Tree Beverage	202 Anderson St.
216-218	dup.	
220-232	dup.	
234-250	Pack Case Mfg. Co. (N.R.)	65 Commercial St.
252-274	Industries, Inc.	142 Tree St.

175-265 Washington Ave.

175-	Maine Freightways	183 Washington Ave.
177-	dup.	
179-181	dup.	
183-189	dup.	
191-211	City of P -	
213-251	"	
253-305	"	

174-270 Washington Ave.

174	Richard A. Orlando	174 Washington Ave.
176	dup.	
178-182	dup.	
184-186	dup.	

10-A-8,11  
Appeal 223 Anderson St. - 10/29/57 - Allen

- Streets Involved
- Anderson St
- Gould St.
- Hammond St
- Washington Ave
- Fisher St.
- North St.
- Marginal Way
- Sheridan St.

Assess Maps  
9-10-11-8

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Anderson St. { 169-255 ✓  
                  { 170-272 ✓

Fisher St. - Cop P.

Washington Ave. { 175-265 ✓  
                      { 174-270 ✓

North St. - 166-230 ✓

Sheridan St. (10-C-1) ✓  
                  (10-D-4) ✓

Gould St. { 1-23 ✓  
              { 2-24 ✓

Hammond St. { 51-63 ✓  
                  { 52-64 ✓

Marginal Way 9-A-2,7,5,6

AP 219 Anderson Street-1

February 27, 1948

Mr. Simon J. Levine et al  
219 Anderson Street  
Portland, Maine

Subject: Providing new exterior door in front  
wall of the building at 219 Anderson Street  
to give new entrance to freight elevator  
shaftway.

Gentlemen:

After talking with Mr. Levine over the telephone and clearing up some questions not answered on the application for the permit, I am able to issue the permit subject to the following:

1. We find that the wall in which the new doorway is to be cut is apparently less than one foot from your front property line, which is the street line of Anderson Street. Thus the new door could not swing outwards. But Mr. Levine says that it is your intention to have the new door roll upwards, presumably inside of the brick wall where I suppose there is room enough to avoid interference with the elevator and with the automatic gate which Mr. Levine said was to be used inside of the doorway.

2. The Building Code provides that elevator shaftway entrances from out-of-doors shall be equipped with self-closing slatted gates at least six feet high and extending to within six inches of the grade at the entrance, and this term "self-closing" means that the gates must close automatically when the elevator leaves the ground floor.

3. There are a number of possibilities of accident in connection with such an arrangement as you now propose, and I recommend strongly that you get a competent elevator man to work out the details for you and to have the whole setup checked in advance by your liability insurance company.

4. As far as we can tell from the limited information which we have on the application the above provision as to gates is the main one contained in the text of the Building Code, but in all features of elevator construction and control not specifically mentioned in the text of the Building Code, our Board of Standards (Municipal Officers) have set up the safety code for elevators, approved by the American Standards Association, to be the standards necessary to satisfy the requirements of the law for the best engineering practice. I think most of our experienced elevator men are thoroughly acquainted with this standard code and the liability insurance inspectors as well. You probably do not need for me to tell you that it would be far better to find out the needs for safety now and incorporate them than to later suffer injury or loss of life due to omission of such equipment.

Very truly yours,



**(D) INDUSTRIAL ZONE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT**

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class  
 Portland, Maine, February 25, 1949

**PERMIT ISSUED**  
 FEB 28 1949  
 CITY OF PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ alter ~~repair~~ ~~reconstruct~~ ~~demolish~~ the following building ~~structure~~ ~~equipment~~ ~~out~~ in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 219 Anderson Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 12  
 Owner's name and address Simon J. Levine, Harry Geller & Irving Blumenthal Telephone.....  
117 Francis Street, Chamberlain Ave., Grant St. Telephone.....  
 Lessee's name and address..... Telephone.....  
 Contractor's name and address Owners Telephone.....  
 Architect..... Specifications..... Plans..... No of sheets.....  
 Proposed use of building Laundry & Dry Cleaning No. families.....  
 Last use..... " " " No. families.....  
 Material brick No. stories 3 Heat..... Style of roof..... Roofing.....  
 Other buildings on same lot..... Fee \$ 3.00  
 Estimated cost \$ 150

**General Description of New Work**

To cut in one new outside door in front wall of building 3' 10" x 6'. (street level)  
 2-10" I-beams over opening.  
 Elevator controlled by automatic gates, same to apply for new opening.

**INSPECTION NOT COMPLETE**  
 7/25/49

Permit Issued with Letters

**CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY  
 REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED**

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO Mr. Simon J. Levine, 219 Anderson Street

**Details of New Work**

Is any plumbing involved in this work?..... Is any electrical work involved in this work?.....  
 Height average grade to top of plate..... Height average grade to highest point of roof.....  
 Size, front..... depth..... No. stories..... solid or filled land?..... earth or rock?.....  
 Material of foundation..... Thickness, top..... bottom..... cellar.....  
 Material of underpinning..... Height..... Thickness.....  
 Kind of roof..... Rise per foot..... Roof covering.....  
 No. of chimneys..... Material of chimneys..... of lining..... Kind of heat..... fuel.....  
 Framing lumber—Kind..... Dressed or full size?.....  
 Corner posts..... Sills..... Girt or ledger board?..... Size.....  
 Girders..... Size..... Columns under girders..... Size..... Mat. on centers.....  
 Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.  
 Joists and rafters: 1st floor..... 2nd..... 3rd..... roof.....  
 On centers: 1st floor..... 2nd..... 3rd..... roof.....  
 Maximum span: 1st floor..... 2nd..... 3rd..... roof.....  
 If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls?..... height?.....

**If a Garage**

No. cars now accommodated on same lot....., to be accommodated..... number commercial cars to be accommodated.....  
 Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?.....

**Miscellaneous**

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no  
 Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Simon J. Levine et als

APPROVED:  
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Signature of owner by: Joseph M. De Roche

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NOTES

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12/28/48 - [unclear] done. E 22~~

Permit No. 48/1553  
Location 215' Chandlerman St  
Owner  
Date of permit  
Notif. closing-in  
Inspn. closing-in  
Final Notif.  
Final Inspn. 12/28/48  
Cert. of Occupancy Issued

1948

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(I) INDUSTRIAL ZONE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED  
01553  
AUG 31 1948  
CITY OF PORTLAND

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, August 28, 1948

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE Supersedes application 5/28/48

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ alter ~~repair~~ ~~demolish~~ ~~rebuild~~ all the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 219 Anderson Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1B  
 Owner's name and address Ideal Cleansers, Inc., 219 Anderson St. Telephone 3-4741  
 Lessee's name and address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contractor's name and address owners Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Specifications \_\_\_\_\_ Plans yes No. of sheets 1  
 Proposed use of building Cleaning and laundry No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last use \_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_ No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material brick No. stories 2 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
 Estimated cost \$ 400. Fee \$ 1.00 add. fee

General Description of New Work

To construct a concrete loading platform in the rear of laundry building, 100' long by 8' wide, extending about 2'4" above the grade of the driveway. Concrete foundation walls to be 12" thick and extending no less than 4' below the surface of the ground. Floor of platform to bear on fill within the walls and to be reinforced <sup>for</sup> expansion and contraction.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY  
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_ Is any electrical work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Height average grade to top of plate \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to highest point of roof \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Material of foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_ bottom \_\_\_\_\_ cellar \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kind of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Rise per foot \_\_\_\_\_ Roof covering \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ of lining \_\_\_\_\_ Kind of heat \_\_\_\_\_ fuel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Framing lumber—Kind \_\_\_\_\_ Dressed or full size? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sills \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.  
 Joists and rafters: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 On centers: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maximum span: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? \_\_\_\_\_ height? \_\_\_\_\_

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot \_\_\_\_\_, to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_ number commercial cars to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no  
 Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Ideal Cleansers, Inc.

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner By: Erwin Blumhachel Pres.





**(1) INDUSTRIAL ZONE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT**

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class  
Portland, Maine, May 28, 1948

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect ~~repair~~ the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 219 Anderson Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1B  
Owner's name and address Ideal Cleansers, Inc., 219 Anderson St. Telephone 3-4741  
Lessee's name and address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address owners Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Specifications \_\_\_\_\_ Plans yes No. of sheets 1  
Proposed use of building Spring and cleaning and laundry No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
Last use \_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_ No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
Material brick No. stories 3 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated cost \$ 300. Fee \$ 1.00

**General Description of New Work**

To construct roof over existing 7'6"x64' loading platform, as per plan

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATHING  
OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY  
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. **PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO** Ideal Cleansers, Inc.

**Details of New Work**

Is any plumbing involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_ Is any electrical work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_  
Height average grade to top of plate \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to highest point of roof \_\_\_\_\_  
Size, front \_\_\_\_\_ depth \_\_\_\_\_ No. stories \_\_\_\_\_ solid or filled land? \_\_\_\_\_ earth or rock? \_\_\_\_\_  
Material of foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_ bottom \_\_\_\_\_ cellar \_\_\_\_\_  
Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of roof shed pitch flat Rise per foot 1 1/2" Roof covering asphalt roofing Class C Und. Lab.  
No. of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ of lining \_\_\_\_\_ Kind of heat \_\_\_\_\_ fuel \_\_\_\_\_  
Framing lumber—Kind \_\_\_\_\_ Dressed or full size? \_\_\_\_\_  
Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sills \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_  
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.  
Joists and rafters: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof 6x6  
On centers: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof 8'  
Maximum span: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof 7'6"  
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? \_\_\_\_\_ height? \_\_\_\_\_

**If a Garage**

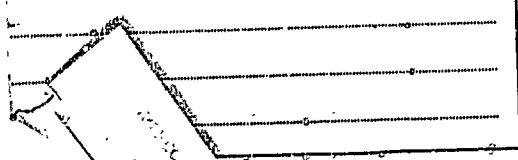
No. cars now accommodated on same lot \_\_\_\_\_, to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_ number commercial cars to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_  
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? \_\_\_\_\_

**Miscellaneous**

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no  
Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Ideal Cleansers, Inc.

APPROVED:



Signature Erwin Blumenthal Owner BY: Erwin Blumenthal

AP 219 Anderson Street-1

May 29, 1948

Ideal Cleaners, Inc.  
219 Anderson Street  
Portland, Maine

Subject: Application for building  
permit to construct roof over  
existing loading platform--  
platform being 7' 6" by 64',  
and proposed Building Code ap-  
peal relating thereto

Gentlemen:

As explained to Mr. Blumenthal, this permit is not issuable under the Building Code because the property is within the limits of Fire District No. 1B where Section 402a1 does not allow such a wooden frame structure.

You have indicated your desire to seek an exception from the Appeal Board which is the Board of Municipal Officers. There is enclosed, therefore, an outline of the appeal procedure.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) FARRER McDONALD  
Inspector of Buildings

P. S. It will be necessary for you to file a comprehensive location plan showing the present and the location of the proposed roof with relation to the line of Anderson St. and all property lines, including the rear line--this to be filed in this office well in advance of the hearing W McD/B on appeal.

Encl: Outline of appeal procedure

CC: Edward T. Gignoux  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

cc Mr. Barnett I Shur,  
120 Exchange St.

AP 219 Anderson Street

August 27, 1943

Mr. Erwin Blumenthal, Pres.  
Ideal Cleaners, Inc.  
219 Anderson Street

Subject: Concrete loading platform constructed  
without first securing a building permit at  
219 Anderson Street and application to con-  
struct a roof over this platform

Dear Mr. Blumenthal:

An inspector from this office finds out that you are uncertain as to whether or not you will proceed with the Building Code appeal relating to the construction of a proposed wooden roof over the new loading platform.

More important from the standpoint of the Building Code, he found out that this loading platform is a new one, about 7' 6" wide and 64' long and extending above the ground about 26" and that your contractor has already seen fit to set columns in the concrete of the platform preparatory for the roof.

The construction of such a platform certainly requires a building permit from this department before the construction is commenced. It is apparent that you did not know that requirement or it would have been taken care of. The contractor who built the platform however, must have known of the permit requirement. Will you be kind enough to let me know without delay who the party is responsible for the actual construction work and where he may be found, that he may now make belated application for the permit, and describe in the application how this large platform has been constructed, whether or not the foundation of it goes 4' below the surface of the ground or to ledge, whether or not it consists of walls around the outline of it and fill in between with a concrete slab on top, whether or not it is in direct contact with the masonry of the building, etc.

If the foundations do not go at least 4' below the grade of the ground or to ledge and if the concrete is poured directly in contact with the building, I shall be unable to issue the permit. If it turns out that the platform is reinforced concrete, we shall have to know the design of it from a competent designer and all details.

While I realize that you are sort of an "innocent by-stander" in this transaction, the Building Code does hold you responsible as representative of the owners to deal

I will endeavor with your contractor if you will tell me who he is.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

Wich/S

CC: Mrs. Barnett I. Shur  
120 Exchange Street

# APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO PERMIT



Amendment No. 1

Portland, Maine, August 28, 1948

PERMIT ISSUED

SEP 2 1948

CITY OF PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 48/ pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith, and the following specifications:

Location 219 Anderson Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1B  
Owner's name and address Ideal Cleansers, Inc., 219 Anderson St. Telephone 3-4741  
Lessee's name and address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address OWNERS Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1  
Proposed use of building Cleaning and laundry No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
Increased cost of work \$ 350. Additional fee 2.00

### Description of Proposed Work

To construct roof over a 40' section of loading platform, to be framed of wood as per Heavy Timber Construction as per plan.

Appeal sustained 9/24/48

Permit Issued with Letter

### Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_ Is any electrical work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_  
Height average grade to top of plate \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to highest point of roof \_\_\_\_\_  
Size, front \_\_\_\_\_ depth \_\_\_\_\_ No. stories \_\_\_\_\_ solid or filled land? \_\_\_\_\_ earth or rock? \_\_\_\_\_  
Material of foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_ bottom \_\_\_\_\_ cellar \_\_\_\_\_  
Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Rise per foot \_\_\_\_\_ Roof covering \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ of lining \_\_\_\_\_  
Framing lumber—Kind \_\_\_\_\_ Dressed or full size? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sills \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_  
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Joists and rafters: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_  
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Maximum span: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner Ideal Cleansers, Inc.  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

INSPECTION COPY

AP 219 Anderson Street-1  
(wooden roof over load-  
ing platform for Ideal  
Cleansers, Inc.)

August 31, 1943

Ideal Cleansers, Inc.  
219 Anderson Street  
Portland 3, Maine

Subject: Application for building permit intended  
to cover construction of wooden roof over a  
40-foot long section of loading platform at  
the rear of the building at 219 Anderson St.  
in the limits of Fire District No. 1B and pro-  
posed Building Code appeal relating thereto

Gentlemen:

Building permit to cover this 40-foot section of roof of wooden frame construction is not issuable under the Building Code because the property is located within Fire District No. 1B where Section 401 of the Building Code does not allow such a roof of wooden construction.

You have indicated your desire to seek an exception from the Board of Municipal Officers (appeal board under the Building Code) claiming that failure to get the right to construct this wooden roof involves unnecessary hardship and that the right may be granted without substantially departing from the intent and purpose of the law. There is enclosed therefore an outline of the appeal procedure.

Perhaps if you can file this appeal at the office of Corporation Counsel no later than Wednesday, September 1, there may be opportunity for the matter to be heard along with other matters requiring public hearing at 10:30, Friday morning, September 3.

If you attempt an answer as early as that, however, please do not forget that you were to file with your application for the permit well in advance of the hearing a new plan showing the precise location of the 40-foot section of roof proposed and the details of the roof supports and framing, indicating that the wooden framing would be of the type called for under Heavy Timber Construction which means that none of the framing members can be less than 5 5/8 inches in least cross-sectional dimension, that the roof plank can be no less than 1 5/8" thick and that all members including the roof planks are required to be dressed smooth on all four surfaces.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

RMCD/S

Encl: Outline of appeal procedure

CC: Edward T. Gignoux  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

Mr. Barnett I. Shur  
120 Exchange Street

BP 48/1553 Addt. #1-1

October 7, 1948

Ideal Cleaners, Inc.  
219 Anderson Street  
Portland, Maine

Subject: Amendment to building permit, relating  
to loading platform at the rear of 219 Ander-  
son Street—amendment to cover roof over plat-  
form

Gentlemen:

Your Building Code appeal having been granted by the Board of Municipal Officers subject to the condition that all wooden framing is to be as required for Heavy Timber Construction, the building permit is issued, herewith, subject to the following conditions. If for any reason you are unable or unwilling to abide by these conditions, the work of construction of the roof should not be started but the building permit should be returned immediately for adjustment:

1. All of the framing members and the 2" roof sheathing is to be dressed or smoothed on all four surfaces of each piece.

2. It is understood that your plan indicates that the 6x6's in the roof are to be four feet from center to center. The Building Code would allow them to be spaced considerably farther apart than that, since the 2" plank is to be used, but unless we hear differently from you, it is understood that will be the spacing.

3. The 6x6 running across the tops of the pipe columns are required to be firmly anchored to the columns. You have shown on the plan something that indicates that you propose to use a wooden bolster. Even so the top of the pipe columns must be firmly anchored to the roof framing.

4. You have shown no detail as to how the 6x6's running across the roof are to be supported upon the building. There is a variety of ways of doing this, and care should be exercised that these timbers are adequately supported against the building avoiding merely the type of nailing known as "toe-nailing".

5. You have not shown either the method of supporting the 6x6 beams in the roof upon the 6x6 plate over the tops of the columns, presumably these are to rest on top of the 6x6 running over the columns.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

W McD/G

W. B. McOWEN  
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

On copy refer  
to file

Department of Building Inspection

FU 219 Anderson Street-1  
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ing platform for Ideal  
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August 31, 1943

Ideal Cleansers, Inc,  
219 Anderson Street  
Portland 3, Maine

Subject: Application for building permit intended  
to cover construction of wooden roof over a  
40-foot long section of loading platform at  
the rear of the building at 219 Anderson St.  
in the limits of Fire District No. 1B and pro-  
posed Building Code appeal relating thereto

Gentlemen:

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Building permit to cover this 40-foot section of roof of wooden frame construc-  
tion is not issuable under the Building Code because the property is located within  
Fire District No. 1B where Section 404 of the Building Code does not allow such a roof  
of wooden construction.

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You have indicated your desire to seek an exception from the Board of Municipal  
Officers (appeal board under the Building Code) claiming that failure to get the  
right to construct this wooden roof involves unnecessary hardship and that the right  
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along with other matters requiring public hearing at 10:30, Friday morning, September 3.

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you were to file with your application for the permit well in advance of the hearing  
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framing members can be less than 5 5/8 inches in least cross-sectional dimension, that  
the roof plank can be no less than 1 5/8" thick and that all members including the  
roof planks are required to be dressed smooth on all four surfaces.

Very truly yours,

W. B. McOWEN

Inspector of Buildings

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Encs Outline of appeal procedure

CC: Edward T. Gignoux  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

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September 20, 1948

HEARING ON APPEAL UNDER THE BUILDING CODE OF IDEAL CLEANSERS  
AT 219 Anderson Street

Public hearing on above

Present for City

appeal was held before

Board of Zoning Appeals members:-

the MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

today.

VOTE

Yes No

Municipal Officers:-

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Getchell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Frost
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Lake
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Colley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Holbrook
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MR. BLUMENTHAL - PRESIDENT

City officials:-

NO OBJECTORS

Wooden construction not permitted; concrete loading  
platform now in existence; roof to be constructed  
of wood; asphalt roofing.



S E R V I C E T H A T S A T I S F I E S

**Ideal**  
CLEANERS, INC.

TELEPHONE  
3-4721

MAIN OFFICE AND PLANT  
218 ANDERSON STREET  
PORTLAND, MAINE

File Rept. 4864D-I

BRANCH  
80 WAT STREET

JULY 14, 1944

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JUL 15 1944  
DEPT. OF BLDG. INSP.  
CITY OF PORTLAND

Department of Building Inspection  
Portland  
Maine

Attention: Mr. Warren McDonald

Dear Sir:

We were glad to hear that you have allowed us a construction permit to enlarge the skylight on our building. I had planned, when and if the steel is available, to take out the old wooden trusses and and replace them with steel beams. Of course that is not possible at the present time. We do not store many heavy supplies in this building as most of the floors are taken up as work shops.

Again we thank you for your cooperation,

Very truly yours,

IDEAL CLEANERS, INC.  
*Simon J. Levine, Mgr.*  
R.D.

SJL/RD

W E A R O F C L E A N C L O T H E S

Mr. J. J. Tully, 25 Exchange St.

COI Mr. Charles B. Morong, 289 Spring St.

Inspector of Buildings

Very truly yours,

This building permit is issued for frame construction within City District 12 as a penthouse for ventilation purposes, the area of which does not exceed 50 per cent of the area of the roof. This enlarged penthouse, however, taken together with another small penthouse which is now in the corner of the building approaches the maximum allowable area of wooden penthouse which is 50 per cent of the area of the roof. Should further additions be desired in the future, the area of the penthouse would likely exceed the 50 per cent allowable area for such a wooden penthouse and therefore such future additions would not be allowable if the law as is at present.

It is natural in such a case to leave well enough alone, but I strongly urge that you do not follow this natural course, I hope that you will at once employ a competent designer, have him investigate the trusses thoroughly and if found to be materially overstressed, have him design the reinforcement or strengthening or other supports for the floors so that there may be no question of danger from failure. Even if you are not willing to take this step, you certainly should see to it that second and third floors in all parts supported by these trusses are only lightly loaded. So many times an owner or tenant finds his/contracted with an unusual situation in his business where it is desirable to acquire and store considerable quantities of stock or material. Such stock or material is usually stored upon such floors in comparatively light units, but piled higher and higher and closer and closer until the total load becomes very substantial indeed.

While these additions to the penthouse will not add any appreciable load to the existing roof trusses (probably the additions will reduce the load), you are urged to have these present roof trusses thoroughly investigated by a designer engaged to make sure that they are not or will not be dangerously overloaded. I have not examined the trusses in the building to see whether or not they show signs of distress or deterioration, but I am told that these trusses not only support the roof of the building, but by means of rods hanging from them support either second or third floor or both floors. From my experience with these old buildings, I should say that these trusses would probably figure out to be largely overstressed at the joints if not in the various members of the trusses, and perhaps even the rod upon which the floors are being will figure out to be seriously overstressed.

I am issuing to Mr. Morong the building permit to cover construction of two extensions of an existing penthouse for ventilation purposes on the roof of your building at 219 Anderson Street.

Dear Sir:

Subject: Question of strength of roof trusses which also support one or more floors of the building at 219 Anderson Street

Mr. Laurion Levine  
219 Anderson Street  
Portland, Maine

July 13, 1944

Robt. 4084D-1

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**(1) INDUSTRIAL ZONE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT**

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, July 8, 1946 JUL 19 1946



To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.  
The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect after match the following building structure and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 219 Anderson Street  
 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1B  
 Owner's or Lessee's name and address Maurice Levine, 219 Anderson Street  
 Telephone 3-6787  
 Contractor's name and address Charles B. Johnson, 289 Spring St.  
 Architect J. T. Tubby, 85 Exchange St.  
 Proposed use of building Cleaning Plant  
 Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
 Estimated cost \$ 400.  
 Description of Present Building to be Altered  
 Material brick No. stories 3 Heat Hot Style of roof Flat Roofing Flt  
 No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last use \_\_\_\_\_

General Description of New Work  
 To build two pent houses on roof of building - one 13' x 8' - 8" the other 16' x 8' - 8" high  
 outside wall next asbestos board, sheet rock inside -

*more of roof: 80 x 40 = 3200 sq ft  
 " front porch = 23.5 x 8 = 188.0  
 " " = 13.5 x 8 = 108.0  
 " " = 4.2 x 0 = 0  
 Total = 3200 + 108 + 188 = 3496 sq ft*

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

**Details of New Work**

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is any electrical work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Height average grade to top of plate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Height average grade to highest point of roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. stories \_\_\_\_\_  
 depth \_\_\_\_\_  
 To be erected on solid or filled land? \_\_\_\_\_  
 earth or rock? \_\_\_\_\_

Material of foundation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_ bottom \_\_\_\_\_ cellar \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_  
 Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kind of roof \_\_\_\_\_ shed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rise per foot \_\_\_\_\_ 3"  
 Roof covering \_\_\_\_\_ Asphalt roofing Class C Und. Lev.

No. of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of fuel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is gas fitting involved? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kind of heat \_\_\_\_\_  
 Framing lumber - Kind \_\_\_\_\_ spruce \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sills \_\_\_\_\_  
 Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_

Material columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.  
 Joists and rafters: \_\_\_\_\_  
 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ roof \_\_\_\_\_ 2x4  
 On centers: \_\_\_\_\_  
 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ roof \_\_\_\_\_ 12"  
 Maximum span: \_\_\_\_\_  
 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ roof \_\_\_\_\_ 8"  
 If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? \_\_\_\_\_  
 height? \_\_\_\_\_

**If a Garage**

No. cars now accommodated on same lot \_\_\_\_\_ to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number commercial cars to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miscellaneous \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? \_\_\_\_\_  
 no \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maurice Levine

INSPECTION COPY

*7/10/46*

Permit No. 44/508

Location 219 Anderson St

Owner Maurice Jerome

Date of permit 7/13/44

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 10/11/44

Cert. of Occupancy issued

March 27B

NOTES

7/18/44 - 1st inspection

7/21/44 - 2nd inspection

7/24/44 - 3rd inspection

7/27/44 - 4th inspection

8/19/44 - 5th inspection

Completed inspection

of which all of car

space has been

covered with

Final inspection

7/18/44 - 1st inspection

7/21/44 - 2nd inspection

7/24/44 - 3rd inspection

7/27/44 - 4th inspection

8/19/44 - 5th inspection

Completed inspection

of which all of car

space has been

covered with

Final inspection

7/18/44 - 1st inspection

7/21/44 - 2nd inspection

7/24/44 - 3rd inspection

7/27/44 - 4th inspection

City of Chicago, Department of Public Works

Division of Building Inspection

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PERMIT ISSUED  
FEE \$ 1.00

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second class

Portland, Maine, December 29, 1948



To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.  
The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 219 Anderson Street Within Five Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1B

Owner's or lessor's name and address Ideal Cleaners, Inc. 219 Anderson St. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's name and address Hurham Kohnlein, 491 Congress Street Telephone 2-5951

Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Plans filed Yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Cleaners and Dyers No. families \_\_\_\_\_

Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated cost \$ 300. Fee \$ 1.00

## Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 2 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_

Last use \_\_\_\_\_ Cleaners and Dyers No. families \_\_\_\_\_

## General Description of New Work

To partition off service room first floor front as shown on plan - app. 20' x 21' 2x4 studs 16" 00 sheet rock both sides

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

## Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_

Is any electrical work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_

Height average grade to top of plate \_\_\_\_\_

Height average grade to highest point of roof \_\_\_\_\_

No. stories \_\_\_\_\_

To be erected on solid or filled land? \_\_\_\_\_

Material of foundation \_\_\_\_\_

Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_

Thickness, bottom \_\_\_\_\_

cellar \_\_\_\_\_

Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_

Roof covering \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of roof \_\_\_\_\_

Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_

No. of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of heat \_\_\_\_\_

Type of fuel \_\_\_\_\_

Is gas fitting involved? \_\_\_\_\_

Framing lumber - Kind \_\_\_\_\_

Dressed or full size? \_\_\_\_\_

Sills \_\_\_\_\_

Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_

Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_

Material columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Laying in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.

Joints and rafters: \_\_\_\_\_

1st floor \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_

roof \_\_\_\_\_

On centers: \_\_\_\_\_

1st floor \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_

roof \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum span: \_\_\_\_\_

1st floor \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_

roof \_\_\_\_\_

height? \_\_\_\_\_

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? \_\_\_\_\_

No. cars now accommodated on same lot \_\_\_\_\_

to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_

Total number commercial cars to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous \_\_\_\_\_

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? \_\_\_\_\_

no \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of owner \_\_\_\_\_

By Hurham Kohnlein

Ideal Cleaners, Inc.

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Permit No. 43/1248  
 319 Anderson St  
 Dear Clemons

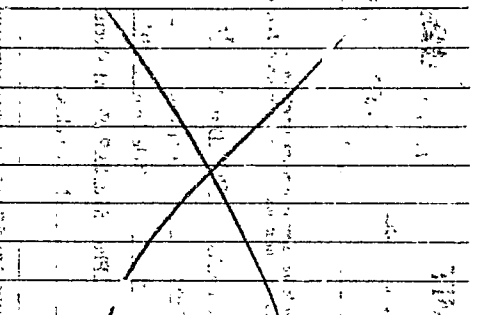
Owner  
 Date of permit 12/13/43

Notif. closing-in  
 Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.  
 Final Inspn. 2/16/44

Cert. of Occupancy Issued  
 NOTES

12/30/43 - This work is  
 in the kitchen, concrete  
 Action at the Building  
 and demolition  
 over front office with  
 and front - City  
 2/16/44 - 12/13/43



Permit is not valid if inspectors to not inspect it

2nd V row to not inspect it

1st V row to not inspect it

The undersigned hereby certifies that the above described work was inspected and found to conform with the provisions of the Building Code of the City of Chicago, Illinois, and that the same is ready for occupancy.

Inspector's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Agreement of Ideal Cleaners, Inc., Owners of the Building at 219 Anderson Street in the City of Portland, Maine Relating to a Proposed Temporary One Story Addition to the Existing Building There for the Storage of Coal

March 3, 1943

In consideration of an appeal sustained by the Municipal Officers of the City of Portland, Maine, allowing a certain one story addition about 10 feet by 10 feet and about eight feet high, adjoining the building at 219 Anderson Street in the City of Portland, Maine, to be built of wooden frame construction within the limits of Fire District I-B, Ideal Cleaners, Inc., by its agent duly authorized thereto, agrees for itself, its successors and a structure which complies with the requirements of the Building Code of the City of Portland, as soon as practicable; but in any event not later than six months after the present war emergency.

Witness:  
Henry K. Pike  
By Henry K. Pike Its duly authorized thereto  
Ideal Cleaners, Inc.

Rept. 2207-1  
Appeal 219 Anderson St.

March 5, 1943

Subject: Appeal and application for building  
permit for construction of wooden addition for  
Ideal Cleaners, Inc.,  
219 Anderson Street,  
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

On March 1, 1943, the Municipal Officers voted to sustain conditionally  
your appeal under the Building Code relating to the construction of the above work  
within the limits of Fire District No. 1, the conditions being that all terms of the  
Building Code not involved in the appeal shall be complied with; that the owner of  
the building shall agree for itself, its successors and assigns, before the permit  
for the addition is issued, that the addition will be removed or replaced with a  
structure which complies with the Building Code requirements for construction within  
the limits of Fire District No. 1-B as soon as practicable, but in any event not later  
than six months after the end of the present war emergency.

You will see that I must have this statement of agreement in my files before  
I can issue the building permit and therefore before you can start the work. To assist  
you in getting this matter straightened out as quickly as possible, I have prepared an  
agreement form, which, if you see fit, you may have executed and return to this office  
original of the form executed and keep the copy for your own files.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

CC: Burnham McNeilan  
491 1/2 Congress St.



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assigns that said addition will be completely removed or will be replaced by  
a structure which complies with the requirements of the Building Code of the  
City of Portland, as soon as practicable; but in any event not later than  
six months after the present var emergency.

Ideal Cleaners, Inc.

Witness:

*(Signed) Jimmy K. P. Rice*  
By Simon J. Lawrence, Inc. Its duly authorized thereto  
*(Signed) Simon J. Lawrence, Inc.*

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February 24, 1945

Subject: Proposed outside coal shed at 219  
Anderson Street  
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

Last week Mr. Thomas Skinner inquired about securing a permit to build a coal bin or shed outside of your plant on Anderson Street. A permit would be required before the construction work was started, but I am unable to issue the building permit. I am authorized because the proposed structure would be on the lot and your location is within the limits of Fire District No. 1-B where such exterior wooden construction is not ordinarily allowable.

I explained to Mr. Skinner that you had appeal rights with regard to such a job and that the Municipal Officers (City Council) have authority to grant a variance in a particular case to allow such construction contrary to the precise terms of the law, if they deem it consistent with the public interests to do so.

To go through with these proceedings requires a little time, however, and that you not only file application for the building permit showing precisely what and where and how you propose to build the structure (including the sizes of framing members, the kind of foundation, etc.) but also to file the application for the appeal.

Such appeals may only be acted upon at meetings of the Municipal Officers or City Council and the next regular meeting occurs on March 1st. To receive consideration at that meeting, however, it is necessary that the appeal be filed right away, if possible before February 26th as there is a public hearing on such matters at 11 o'clock on the morning of February 26th.

When Mr. Skinner was in the office I suggested that he file the application right away and communicate with you so that the appeal could be filed, but he was unable to do so at that time. The purpose of this letter is to acquaint you with the situation so that, if you still have the construction work in mind, you can file your appeal and your application for the permit at once and perhaps get action on March 1st. Most of these jobs are in a hurry and it is possible that you would prefer to get the matter straightened out as soon as possible rather than wait for two weeks more for a regular meeting of the Council.

Mr. Skinner has a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings  
W. H. H.

CC: Thomas Skinner Co.  
127 Main Street  
Portland, Maine



# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT NO. 1943

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, February 26, 1943

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to alter and install the following building structure, equipment in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 219 Anderson Street

Owner's name and address Ideal Cleaners, Inc., 719 Anderson St., Telephone 2-5951

Contractor's name and address Byburn Kollman, 491 1/2 Congress St., Telephone 2-5951

Architect No. families

Proposed use of building Cleaning plant and laundry

Other buildings on same lot Fee \$ 1.00

Estimated cost \$ 250

## Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material concrete No. stories 2 Heat steam Style of roof flat Roofing Asphalt

Last use Cleaning plant and laundry No. families 1

## General Description of New Work

To build one story frame addition app. 10' x 10' in front of building for coal bin

To cut in new door (3') to boiler room - steel lintel

This is a temporary addition during the war emergency

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

## Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? Yes

Is any electrical work involved in this work? Yes

Height average grade to top of plate 7' 7"

Height average grade to highest point of roof 9'

Size, front depth 1 No. stories 1

To be erected on solid or filled land? solid

Material of foundation cellar earth or rock? earth

Material of underpinning cellar Thickness bottom Height top

Kind of roof flat Rise per foot 4" Roof covering Asphalt, roofing, Class C Ind. Lab.

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Is gas fitting involved?

Kind of heat Is gas fitting involved?

Framing lumber Kind space or knock ressed or full size? ressed

Corner posts 2-2x4 Sills 6x8 Girt or ledger board? Size

Material columns under girders Size Max. on centers

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 8x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross sectio.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor 2x10 2nd 3rd roof 2x6

On centers: 1st floor 12" 2nd 3rd roof 16"

Maximum span: 1st floor 10' 2nd 3rd roof 10'

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height?

## If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot to be accommodated.

Total number commercial cars to be accommodated to be accommodated.

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? to be accommodated.

Miscellaneous to be accommodated.

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade trees on a public street? no

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? Yes

Ideal Cleaners, Inc  
By Byburn Kollman  
Signature of owner

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Permit No 43/205

Location 219 O. Adams St.

Owner: Miss Jeanne J. ...

Date of permit 8/19/48

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 3/23/43

Cert. of Occupancy issued

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